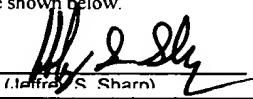


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 29, 2004, in the above-identified application in which all pending claims (7-10) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(second paragraph) and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godiska et al., U.S. Patent 5,759,804 in view of Shen et al., European Patent EP 0 726 310 A1.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are hereby requested in light of the following amendments. This response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims can be found on Page 2.

Remarks can be found on Page 4.



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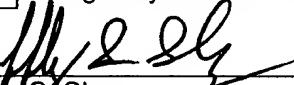
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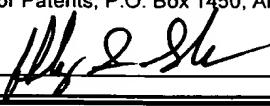

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